

## FOOD PRICES AT OKLAHOMA CITY GIVEN REDUCTION

SUBSTANTIAL CUTS ARE  
MADE IN MANY STAPLE  
ARTICLES.

## IS WORK OF OFFICIALS

Lists of Reduced Prices Will Be  
Furnished to Newspapers Over  
the State—Wholesalers Induced  
to Lower Costs to Retailers.

Oklahoma City, July 12.—As a result of the conference held yesterday in the office of the state food administration between members of the Oklahoma County fair price committee and representatives of leading city retail grocery establishments, substantial reductions in the price of many important food articles were agreed upon.

The conference was called by Roy D. Stone, secretary of the state fair price committee.

The state committee has been instrumental in having wholesalers reduce their charges for food articles to the retailers and the agreement to cut down the profits by the retailers is in keeping with the committee in establishing a fair price schedule. The reduction in prices is to become effective immediately.

Th cost for white cornmeal was fixed at 5 1/2 cents a pound. Rice flour was reduced 1 1/2 cents a pound; oleomargarine was reduced 1 cent a pound; cheese was reduced 3 cents a pound; navy beans were reduced 1/2 cent a pound; lima beans were reduced 1/2 cent a pound; hams, 1 cent, and bacon 2 cents.

Arrangements are being made by the county fair price committee to furnish lists of food prices to newspapers throughout the state. With the publishing of these lists, the food administration expects to eliminate much profiteering which has threatened wartime efficiency.

## FRENCHMAN INSISTS ON "LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

DEPUTY PROPOSES INTER-  
ALLIED COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY PROBLEM

Paris, July 12.—Germany has excluded herself from the society of nations and will remain outside as long as she is embarrassed by militarism; and the door will not be opened until she has changed, says Andre Lebey, who is writing a report on a league of nations for the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies. In a statement to the Petit Parisien, Deputy Lebey adds:

"The allies have organized at Versailles an inter-allied war council. Why should they not organize there an inter-allied committee to study the idea of a league of nations."

"This would be a sort of a small sized inter-allied peace parliament to do for peace what the war council seeks to do for war. The two actions are parallel and complementary."

"This first international parliament would be the germ of a league of nations. Why not seize on the occasion of the anniversary of July 14 to create it?"

## WILSON PREPARES HIS VETO MESSAGE ON THAT WHEAT RAISE

Washington, July 12.—Members of congress were informed today that President Wilson has begun drafting a message to congress vetoing the \$28,000,000 agriculture appropriation bill because of the amendment providing for increasing to \$240 per bushel the government's minimum guarantee for wheat.

Although an attempt may be made by members from wheat producing states to override the veto, it is generally believed the bill will be re-enacted with the wheat amendment eliminated.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For Ardmore and vicinity:  
Tonight and Saturday, probably  
fair; warmer Saturday.

Oklahoma—Tonight and Saturday, probably fair, somewhat warmer Saturday.

East Texas—Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy, warmer in northwest portion Saturday.

West Texas—Tonight and Saturday, generally fair.

Local Temperature.  
Maximum temperature yesterday, 86 degrees; minimum last night, 66.

Precipitation.  
Rainfall yesterday, .10 inch.

## Germany Now Ready to Receive Peace Proposal "If Offered In Sincerity"

London, July 12.—"This is the closest union between political leaders in Germany and German army leaders regarding their readiness to receive peace proposals from the allies if they are offered in a spirit of sincerity." This statement was made in the reichstag by Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

The program of Germany's foreign policy, the chancellor adds, was laid down in Germany's reply to the papal peace note, and it would be adhered to. That would be a righteous peace, and Germany has not and will not change her policy, however strong the idea of destruction was expressed in speeches in allied countries.

The recent utterances of President Wilson and Foreign Secretary

Balfour, he continued, forced Germany to continue the struggle. Admiral von Hintze, the new German foreign secretary, in succession to von Kuehlmann, made a binding declaration to Count von Hertling, that he was willing in every way to follow the imperial chancellor's policy.

Chancellor von Hertling told the reichstag main committee that the government intended "vigorously" to prosecute the "reforms" already begun. He commented on the problems in the east and in the west, and concluded with remarks on the government's future program regarding the declaration made in November 1917, which had been accepted by a large majority in the reichstag. The change in the foreign ministry, the chancellor said, was not caused by any real differences of opinion, but arose out of personal discussions revealing matters which should not be made public.

## NEW ORDER ON GLARING LIGHTS

MAYOR GIVES TEN DAYS IN  
WHICH CARS ARE TO BE  
EQUIPPED.

Mayor W. R. Roberts has insisted that the ordinance prohibiting the operation of automobiles with glaring and bright lights be enforced. Last night the chief of police told his men to arrest persons found violating this ordinance. Six men were arrested and all were in police court this morning. Five of them entered pleas of guilty. One man said he was running his car with bright lights but he was not guilty, by reason of the absence of any intent to violate a law.

The mayor continued the cases ten days to give the defendants time to dim their lights. He said he supposed there are 300 cars on the streets last night with bright lights and he did not want just a few picked out for punishment. He also made the statement that probably there is not a sufficient number of lenses in the city to equip all the cars, but the ordinance was passed last August and drivers of cars had been given plenty of time in which to comply with the law.

He said he was going to instruct the chief of police to have his men stop every driver of a car with bright lights and tell them that at the end of ten days from this date every person found violating the ordinance after the expiration of that time, would be arrested.

## WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS IN FEDERAL DRAGNET

CONSPIRACY TO STIFLE COM-  
PETITION IS CHARGED.  
TEXANS AFFECTED

Washington, July 12.—Conspiracy with the purpose and effects of stifling competition in the wholesale drug trade was charged by the Federal Trade Commission in a complaint today against the National Wholesale Druggists Association, the Title Guaranty and Trust Company of New York, the organization's treasurer, and numerous individuals, including the association's officers.

Verbal and written notices are alleged to have been given to manufacturers that certain customers or prospective customers were not entitled to recognition as legitimate jobbers, according to the association's definition.

H. C. Richer of Waco is a vice-president of the association, E. E. Greiner of Dallas is a member of the committee on proprietary goods.

## BORGUM HAS MORE CRITICISM FOR PLANES

Washington, July 12.—Gutson Borglum, the sculptor, who made an investigation of the American program at the request of President Wilson, in an open letter read last night at a meeting of the American Investors Association, discredited the belief that the accident which caused the death of Major John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York, in an aviation accident at Gerstner Field, was the result of failure of the aviator to fasten himself in his plane. Borglum in his letter intimated that the accident was the result of a defective plane.

American training planes show a greater casualty list than those of any other nation, Borglum stated. He charged that a lot of airplanes recently sent abroad caused the death of an aviator in much the same manner as former Mayor Mitchell was killed.

## OFFICERS OF OLD GUARD ARE NAMED

TALLIAFERRO IS CAPTAIN  
AND HOLLOWAY AND  
JOHNSON, LIEU-  
TENANTS.

In compliance with an order from the executive council of the Carter county council of defense, Unit No. 1, Old Guard of Oklahoma, held a special business meeting at Convention Hall last night. Announcement was made of the selection of the commissioned officers for the military unit. The officers are: Captain, W. W. Talliaferro; first lieutenant, H. M. Holloway; second lieutenant, George S. Johnson. The military unit meets for drill every Monday and Friday night, assembling at the courthouse.

A plea for renewal of interest in the organization and an appeal for better attendance at drill was made by a representative of the council. Many volunteered to report for duty tonight.

President T. J. Pollock was authorized to appoint a committee of five to consult with other organizations relative to the proper marking of the ground on which Lieut. Edward B. Sullivan of Gainesville, Texas, and Sergt. Edward Doyle of Grand Rapids, Mich., were killed in an airplane accident last Sunday. Secretary Walter S. Gilbert read a copy of a letter written to the mothers of the aviators, which had been dispatched to them on behalf of the Old Guard. In part, the letter follows:

"On behalf of the membership of the Old Guard of Oklahoma, Ardmore Unit No. 1, I beg to extend to you the sympathy of the organization, which is composed of 570 men between the ages of 45 and 80, on the death of your beloved son. We realize that words are inadequate and almost out of place in such an hour, but, after the dark clouds of your affliction begin to fade away, we trust you will see the glorious halo that is his by divine right. We feel that every man in the air service is a hero, but when he is called to make the supreme sacrifice for his country while preparing for action in the great cause, which now is the world's concern, we believe the sacrifice no less than had it occurred on the battle line in France."

"The spot on which these two young men fell will always be a hallowed one to us and our hearts are with you in this hour."

Members of the Ardmore unit pledged themselves to personal solicitation today in the interest of recruiting the machine gun company, Third regiment, National Guard of Oklahoma.

It was announced last night that plans for the statewide organization of the Old Guard are developing and an active campaign for its extension to all counties in the state will be begun in the near future.

## AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN SERBIA MUTINY

BULLETIN.

Corfu, July 12.—A serious mutiny among the Austrian troops in one of the occupied districts of Serbia is announced by the Serbian press bureau here. The garrison at Kraguyevatz, the former Serbian arsenal, broke into rebellion because of bad food, the statement declares, and many of the officers were killed.

The mutiny was suppressed after a veritable battle, in which machine guns and artillery were freely used.

## TWENTY THOUSAND HOLDERS OF HUN BONDS IN AMERICA

FAIRLY COMPLETE LIST IS  
IN HANDS OF FEDERAL  
AUTHORITIES.

## IS SURREPTITIOUS WORK

Were Underwritten in Good-Sized  
Blocks by Various Banks in the  
United States—Officers of Trust  
Company Are Arrested.

Washington, July 12.—A fairly complete list of the holders of German government bonds in the United States is among the assets of service men fighting German propaganda, it was said today by officials, discussing the disclosure yesterday of large holdings of the Busch family.

Names of nearly 20,000 individuals are on the list, which has been built up by secret investigations made during the last two years. A wide distribution was given to the Hun securities and they were issued in denominations of as small as \$50.

Approximately six different issues of the bonds were made inside the United States in order to evade the English blockade, and to make the bonds valuable if seized, most of them bore a provision that they should be countersigned by Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States. They were underwritten in good sized blocks by various banking houses and syndicates, the Trans-Atlantic Trust Company, officers of which were arrested yesterday for internment, being an active agent.

An estimate of the total amount secured by the Germans through bond sales was refused today by officials. It is known to have been large, though, probably below the \$100,000,000 figure intimated.

The property in bonds is technically classed as American holdings of investments in Germany, and is thus not necessarily subject to seizure by the alien property custodian. Further revelations of the use made of the money secured is likely to be made from time to time, officials said, when internment proceedings are brought in court.

## Is Long Trail

New York, July 12.—The trail of German propaganda financed in America by money raised in this country through the sale of German war bonds still is one which is long and unexplored by the American investigators, it was learned authoritatively today.

Count von Bernstorff and Dr. Heinrich Albert, who was German commercial attach in the United States, were given carte blanche by the German government, according to evidence declared to have been uncovered by the New York state attorney general's office.

The money which is said to have been used to control the stock of the New York Evening "Mail," according to Deputy Attorney General Becker's belief, is only a small portion of great sums said to aggregate millions which German agents used in this country to influence public opinion, so it would be favorable to Germany. The purchase or control of newspaper columns is said to be only one phase of the inquiry.

Count von Bernstorff and Dr. Albert have accounts in sixteen New York banks, Mr. Becker said. The total of these deposits, none of which came from Germany, for the reason that sale of German bonds in America supplied funds considered sufficient for the propaganda purposes, has not yet been learned.

The reason, Mr. Becker added, was because of the successful methods of concealment pursued by von Bernstorff and Albert, through a system of drawing only cashiers' checks in transferring accounts and making payments. These transfers were frequently made overnight.

Evidence indicated further, Becker declared, that large sums were sent to South America for propaganda work in Latin-American countries. This phase of the inquiry has as yet been only little developed.

## VIOLATING WATER RULES

Zed Cromwell, superintendent of water works, said today that he had two policemen looking over the city last night, and he was out for a time himself and they found that many people are carrying water in buckets, tubs, sprinkling cans and other vessels and watering their flowers and gardens. He said this is just as much a violation of the ordinance as if they used a hose for the purpose. He said it was unfair to those who are obeying the law relative to the conservation of water, and that arrests will follow.

## CONSTANTINOPLE RAIDED BY ENTENTE AVIATORS

TOWNS ON RHINE  
FRANTIC AS ALLIED  
MEN BOMB THEM

WANT KAISER TO MAKE AN  
"AGREEMENT" WITH  
ENTENTE

## THEY PASS RESOLUTIONS

They Are Reminded That They  
Bombed Defenseless French and  
English Towns Three Years Be-  
fore Allies Began to Retaliate.

Geneva, July 12.—Another campaign has been undertaken along the Rhine in order to prevent allied bombardment of Rhine towns. The landtag of the Duchy of Baden has been asked to pass a resolution requesting the government of the grand duchy to exercise its influence with the imperial authorities to come to an "arrangement" with the belligerents to abandon on both sides the aerial bombardment of towns outside the zone of military operations.

In a speech in the landtag in favor of the proposition, Deputy Narun declared that aerial attacks on localities behind the front "serve no military purpose," and that only innocent women and children suffer.

In commenting on this new campaign, the Lauzanne Gazette declares that the Germans since the beginning of the war have bombarded London and Paris with Zeppelins and airplanes many more than a hundred times, while the allies during three years, for various reasons, were unable to reply, but did not whine. Now the Germans, it adds, after only a few months of bombardment of their open towns are crying "Kamerad!"

## DROP TWO FROM POLICE FORCE

JAMES CHANCELLOR AND  
WALTER DAY PAID OFF  
CITY CUTS PAY ROLL

The mayor and city commissioners, finding they are not going to have sufficient funds to meet the expenses of the city for the ensuing year, in making up the budget were compelled to cut every department. The police department came in for such a heavy cut that it became necessary to reduce the force. This was left for the chief to do and today he laid off two men, Jas. Chancellor and Walter Day, "Uncle Jim" Chancellor is the oldest policeman in the city and one of the best known peace officers in this part of the state. Walter Day is considered a good officer and it was only by reason of the necessity of reducing the payroll that these men were let out, the chief explained today. This leaves, including the chief, only ten men on the force, the smallest number of policemen Ardmore has had for many years.

## GERMAN PREACHER IS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Dubuque, Iowa, July 12.—Five years in Leavenworth prison was the sentence given Rev. Wilhelm Schumann of Pomeroy, Iowa, here yesterday on conviction of violating the espionage act. He is pastor of a German Lutheran church and in a sermon seven months after the declaration of war preached in German, he is accused of urging young men not to join the United States army.

## Population of Rumania In Famine Condition

Paris, July 12.—Rumania's peasant population is in a more precarious condition for lack of food and clothing than at any time since Rumania entered the war. Reports reaching The Associated Press from authoritative sources, indicate that all crops this year are failures.

The crop of corn which in normal times is the great national staple, probably will yield less than one-twenty-fifth of the usual annual yield. Of wheat, maize, and other cereals, there is only sufficient to feed one-tenth of the population. What little food there was has been taken by the Germans. The bread ration also has been required

## Half Ton of Explosives Hurled By Air Squadron

## Turkey Replies to U. S.

London, July 12.—Air force contingents acting with the British navy dropped a half ton of bombs on the city of Constantinople on July 7, it was announced by the admiralty today.

Washington, July 12.—Turkey has informed the United States through the Swedish foreign office that so far the true facts as to the reported seizure of the American consulate and sacking of an American hospital at Tabriz, Persia, by Turkish soldiers have not been ascertained, but that it will be done at the earliest possible moment.

The United States asked for an explanation of this incident which if regular Ottoman troops were involved, might mean a declaration of war.

The attack was reported June 19 by the Spanish consul, who took charge of the consulate when the American consul with a large party of Americans and other foreigners left the Persian city at the approach of the Turks.

It is assumed here that the Turkish government is having great difficulty in communicating with its forces in Persia.

Amsterdam, July 12.—During a debate Wednesday in the Prussian upper house, Dr. Dernburg, former German minister of colonial affairs, argued that a peace was never concluded on the battlefield alone. Without cooperation of diplomacy, he declared, no peace could be established.

## (By the Associated Press)

General Petain is giving the Germans on the western side of the Marne salient little rest in their positions east of the forest of Villers-Cotterets. Last night his troops again drove in on this front and made substantial progress.

The most tangible result reported from this latest fighting is the capture of the village of Lengpont, to the outskirts of which French had advanced on Wednesday night. A farm in this neighborhood also was taken.

The French lines were likewise driven ahead in the Chavigny farm district north of Longpont. A forward push also was given the line in the area south of Longpont, east of Faverolles.

The extension of the front under attack to the Faverolles region is noteworthy as showing that the process of straightening out the line between the Aisne and the Marne is being carried still further south, and is threatening the local salient held by the Germans between the Longpont district and the American sector northwest of Chateau-Thierry.

The time has not been considered opportune for General Foch, the allied commander-in-chief, to abandon his defensive role and turn to the aggressive on a large scale. But it is not impossible that the feeling out operations that are in progress on the French and British front have other than a purely defensive purpose.

Last night's action on the British front were all in the nature of scouting operations. The majority of them were on the Flanders front where during the day yesterday Field Marshal Haig's men had conducted a raid in force in the vicinity of the Germans. The bread ration has been reduced further, and amounts to less than half a pound daily.

The crops in Bessarabia are uncertain and are in almost as poor a condition as in Rumania. Owing partly to neglect and partly to lack of labor, seed and rain, the greater part of those countries which once teemed with agricultural products of every kind, are now great barren wastes.

If the Germans expect any food from this waste territory, the reports conclude, they can have only the slender hope of better crops next year. For the present Germany will get only a mouthful.

ity of Merris, northeast of the Niéppe wood, on the road to the railway junction of Hazebrouck, bringing in more than 120 prisoners. Additional raids last night in the Mezeren and Kemmel sectors on this front, resulted in the taking of more prisoners.

Paris, July 12.—(Havas Agency) M. Tchernoiff, a leader of the Russian social revolutionists is marching on Moscow at the head of numerous bands of unarmed peasants, says a dispatch from Stockholm to the Matin. Part of his force has arrived in the outskirts of the bolshevik capital.

A dispatch received in Paris July 9, reported that M. Tchernoiff, and three other members of the Kerevsky cabinet, had been arrested in Moscow as alleged leaders of a revolt against the bolsheviks. German reports have declared that the social revolutionists are responsible for the abortive revolt.

London, July 12.—Virtually all of western Siberia is in control of the Czechoslovaks, according to a Renter dispatch from Peking, dated July 10. The dispatch states that the bolsheviks have been overthrown in the whole region from Tobolsk east of the Urals, to Semipalatinsk, 750 miles to the southeast, near the Chinese frontier. The Trans-Siberian Railway is under Czechoslovak control from Tcheliabinsk, in the Ural Mountains at the junction of the branches of the road which leads to the south and north Russia, to Krasnoyarsk, 1300 miles to the east.

## Five U. S. Planes Missing

Washington, July 12.—Five American airplanes which went on a bombing expedition have failed to return, General Pershing's communique reported today that the Berlin war office reported five American airplanes in German hands yesterday.

General Pershing's communique was the first announcement from American sources of the loss of the machines. It gave no details, but yesterday report from Berlin, which came by way of London, declared that the five machines were part of a squadron of six which started out to bomb Coblenz. The crews of the airplanes, the German report said, were taken prisoners.

## MAN AND WOMAN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH TRAIN ROBBERY

Paola, Kan., July 12.—A man and a woman are being held as suspects in connection with the robbery near here Wednesday night of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train. They were apprehended today at Vance, Kan., by Capt. C. F. McClay, of the Kansas State Guard and were later brought to Paola for investigation.

Reasons for the detention of the couple were not made public, but it was said that farmers living near the scene of the holdup have identified the two as being in the vicinity shortly before the robbery.

It had not been generally known that a woman might have figured as a member of the bandit gang.

Paola, Kan., July 12.—After several hours' search through the brushwood bordering the Marais de Cygne river, home guards, sheriffs' posses and volunteers, numbering about 250 men, returned to their homes early last night without having found a trace of the bandits who conducted the spectacular midnight robbery near here of the "Texas Special," a fast passenger train on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad.

Some of the searchers expressed the belief that the bandits, who escaped in a motor car, had probably reached Kansas City. The Kansas City police have been asked to watch for them.

## BALL PLAYER CALLED.

Chicago, July 12.—Charles Hollocher, the 21-year-old star shortstop with the Chicago Nationals, today was ordered to report on July 15 for medical examination for military service.